Scarcity of resources for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

1827. SHRIMATI S.G INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to stata:

(a) whether it is a fact that many State Governments had said during the conference of Education Ministers from all over the country that the scarcity of resources affected the implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and demanded more Central assistance for the SSA and the mid day meal scheme;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many State Governments had demanded continuing with the ongoing pattern of funding even after the Tenth Plan period; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) In the conference of State Education Ministers held at New Delhi on 28th October, 2004, a review of Centre-State funding pattern for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan was suggested by the States.

The State Education Ministers also raised the issue of additional requirement of funds for the Mid-Day-meal Scheme.

Centre-State funding patterns are determined by the Planning Commission.

Kendriya Vidyalayas in Uttar Pradesh

†1828. SHRI BHAGWATT SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of aspirants are seeking admission in the Kendriya Vidyalayas in the State;

(c) whether Government propose to set up new Kendriya Vidyalayas in the various parts of the State; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) There are 97 Kendriya Vidyaiayas in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The procedure for setting up schools would be through a Plan allocation, budgetary provisions and the approval of the appropriate authorities in the Government. Kendriya Vidyaiayas are opened on the basis of the location of Central Government employees in a particular area. The norm is the availability of 200 school going children from this category. The schools can also be opened for Government of India undertakings, which are totally funded by them. In addition, the schools require 15 acres of land free of cost and rent free temporary accommodation for school and staff quarters for at least 50% employees till the Kendriya Vidyaiayas are in a position to construct its own buildings. Under the National Common Minimum Programme, specific areas having minority concentration blocks/tehsils, Integrated Tribal Development Project blocks, Schedule V and Schedule VI areas and districts of Scheduled Caste female literacy less than 10% will also be considered for opening of Kendriya Vidyaiayas.

Role of teachers in the Administration of Central and State Ministries

†1829. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of the need of participation and the role of the teachers in the administration of Central and State Ministries; and

(b) the percentage of people having experience in the field of elementary education, teacher's.training and higher education are participating directly in the Central and State Ministries?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

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